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REPORT OF INTERVIEW

1. TITLE Pioneer Construction Materials Company	2. CONTROL NUMBER 86-X-4-4 #2 34W
3. PERSON INTERVIEWED Lee Moyer	4. REPORTING OFFICE Seattle
5. LOCATION Seattle, WA	6. DATE 6/13/86

On June 13, 1986 Lee Moyer, owner/operator of Pacific Water Sport located on South Pacific Highway, Seattle, WA was interviewed by S/A Gerd Hattwig regarding his (Moyer's) observations of discharges of wastewater by the Pioneer Construction Materials Co. At this time Moyer reviewed a letter which he had written to the Dept. of Ecology (DOE) on May 23, 1986. Mr. Moyer indicated that this letter was written only one day after the observations and is an accurate description of his observations. The letter reads as follows:

On May 22, 1986 I was teaching a kayak class on the Duwamish River in the evening. About 7:30 PM we paddled into the first slip on the east side of the Duwamish downstream of the First Ave. Bridge where we saw a very large milky area in the water and two outlets gushing what appeared to be wash water from the cement plant on the north shore of the inlet. I photographed the extent of the colored area in the Duwamish. There was a barge moored slightly inland of the outlets and the milky muddy water extended out from the bank almost to the outer edge of the barge. The current was along the north shore of the inlet away from the main Duwamish channel and the muddy area extended to the inward end of the barge. In other words, the muddy water covered an area larger than the barge and the area between it and the shore together.

The water was very turbid. I got out of my kayak and climbed up the bank. The area behind the bulkhead appeared to be a washing and settling area. The catchbasin trough along the inside of the bulkhead contained muddy flowing water that seemed to be draining under the bulkhead and into the river. Next to the trough to the east was a turning auger half covered with the muddy water, which was kept agitated by the auger. This muddy water also seemed to be draining into the Duwamish. I photographed as much as I could but I was using black and white film.

This was not an accidental leak. It appeared that machinery was pumping and agitating the water so it would carry the mud into the Duwamish.

An employee confronted me as I stood on the top of the bank. In our brief encounter I asked if this was a normal procedure and his reply was "of course, this is a cement plant, isn't it?" I returned to my kayak and he left.

As I paddled about two more men watched me photograph. I tried to document

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the extent of the release. I also photographed the conveyor system which seemed to have dropped white powder where the high tide levels would wash it into the river. The system seemed to be in a poor state of repair.

Mr. Moyer was then shown the photographs which he identified as having been taken by him on 5/22/86. Moyer wrote a brief description of each photo taken and initialed the same.

Moyer also stated that on May 30, 1986 at approximately 9:20 PM he was paddling his kayak into Slip #2 of the Duwamish and saw a watery substance gushing out from behind a 12" x 12" (approximate) steel plate which was fastened to the bulkhead. He indicated that the watery discharge was milky and made a large milky cloud in the water. Moyer indicated that he observed this discharge from approximately 9:20 to 9:40 PM and that it seemed to be a steady flow.

Moyer stated he again observed a discharge from the Pioneer plant on June 4, 1986 at about 6:30 PM. At that time he was in a kayak and he videotaped this discharge which was occurring at the open drain below the auger.

Moyer indicated that he made additional observations on June 11, 1986, at approximately 9:40 PM. At that time he was paddling in his kayak on the Duwamish River and upon entering Slip #2 he noticed that Pioneer Construction Materials Co. was discharging a watery substance from two distinct drains. Both discharges were muddy and the most westerly of the discharges was a very dark color. The more easterly discharge point, behind the square metal plate, was milky in color. Moyer was able to hear the equipment of the facility which was operating at the time. Moyer also indicated that he videotaped the discharges at this time and he observed this activity for approximately 15 minutes starting at 9:40 PM. Moyer provided the original videotape to S/A Gerd Hattwig.

A complete debriefing of Moyer will occur at a later time.